

Editorial

The Journal receives contributions from many parts of the world and the readers are widely scattered. Despite the increase in international travel, many readers will have little opportunity to see medicine or the sexually transmitted diseases and allied disorders in countries other than their own. The article by Dr R. D. Catterall on page 293 offers an introduction to the present situation in Iraq and provides insight into the changes taking place in the oil-producing countries in the Middle East. It is hoped

that more articles of this type will follow, written either by distinguished visitors, or by leading authorities in the country concerned. Such articles will be welcomed for they will provide background information which will assist in the management of patients who are visitors from other lands, and of local nationals who have acquired infection abroad. They will also improve our understanding of research and case reports from different countries.